

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Nursing Education – Certain complaint received against the Management of Konaseema School of Nursing, Amalapuram – Enquiry conducted – Certain lapses/deficiencies pointed out – Show cause notice – Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (K2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.869

dated 08-07-2009
Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.313, HM&FW (K2) Dept., dt.16-8-1997
2. G.O.Ms.No.650, HM&FW (K2) Dept., dt.7-11-2003
3. From the DME, Hyderabad, Letter Rc.No.1244/NEA/2009, dt.27-2-2009.

ORDER

1. Whereas, the Director of Medical Education in the letter 3rd read above has reported that the District Collector, East Godavari has stated that the Revenue Divisional Officer, Amalapuram has reported to the District Collector, East Godavari on 28-11-2008 that at about 100 to 150 students of Konaseema School of Nursing, Amalapuram came to their office and launched dharna from 11.30 AM to 8.30 PM demanding that the Director of their Nursing School should be arrested as he is not providing any facilities and harassing them that there are no sufficient number of bath rooms and latrines and that there are no proper minimum facilities for the students in the School of Nursing / hostel; that the students are not being given proper food. The District Collector has referred the complaint petition of the students for personal inspection to the Tahsildar, Amalapuram.

2. The Director of Medical Education has also reported that the Tahsildar, Amalapuram has submitted the following report after personal inspection of the hostel:

- 1) That there are 5 rooms in the hostel and that about 150 students are staying in those rooms.
- 2) That there are only 6 lavatories and 5 bath rooms for all 150 students and those are not sufficient to meet their requirements.
- 3) That it was informed by the students that the students themselves used to cook their own food till one month back as there is no worker (Cook) in the hostel. At present there are two cooks working since one month.
- 4) The Director did not produce the records like the strength of the School, particulars of staff, scholarships etc. required by them.
- 5) That it was represented by the students that out of the five teachers only three teachers are teaching only three subjects.
- 6) The building is not sufficient to the students. They requested that it may be shifted to some other place.

3. Further, the Director of Medical Education has reported that on 29-11-2008, the Regional Inspection Officer, Board of Intermediate Education, Rajahmundry, District Vocation Educational Officer, Rajahmundry, Addl.District Medical & Health Officer, Amalapuram and one Assistant Social Welfare Officer, have visited hostel and reported as follows:

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- 1) That the Director of Konaseema School of Nursing after having obtained three different permissions is running the institute for three different courses ie., Auxillary Nursing & Midwifery (ANM), General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) and MPHWS Vocational course in one building.
- 2) That there are only three teachers working in the School of Nursing against the required number of teachers and even those three are unqualified teachers.
- 3) The team of officers has reported that the Director of the Institute has misled the higher authorities who are competent for sanction of permission for running the school.
4. The Director of Medical Education has also reported that the Regional Inspection Officer, Rajahmundry has reported to the Secretary, Board of Intermediate Education, AP. Hyderabad that there are complaints of sexual harassment and that the students refuse to continue their studies under the management and the Secretary and Correspondent is also absconding. The Regional Inspection Officer, Rajahmundry has further reported that the SC Students have been adjusted in some social welfare Hostels and B.C. Students have been adjusted in some other BC Welfare Hostels.
5. The President and other representatives of Progressive Democratic Students Union, Amalapuram have submitted a representation dated 3-12-2008 with a demand to arrest Mr. A.Srinivasa Rao, Correspondent of the College for sexual harassment and to cancel the recognition of the Nursing School and Hostel to see that academic year of the students is not lost.
6. The Collector, East Godavari District, Kakinada has recommended for taking necessary action for cancellation of recognition of Konaseema School of Nursing, Amalapuram, East Godavari District.
7. Further, the Director of Medical Education has reported in the letter dated 7-1-2009 that the District Medical and Health Officer, East Godavari District, Kakinada has submitted the preliminary enquiry report submitted by the Additional District Medical and Health officer, East Godavari, Amalapuram and Project Officer, District Training Team, East Godavari, Kakinada for taking necessary action regarding ill treatment and harassment which is complained by students of Konaseema MPHWS (F) training School of Nursing, Amalapuram.
8. The Director of Medical Education has also reported that the Additional District Health and Medical Officer, Amalapuram have submitted that as per both documentary and verbal statements of General Nursing and Midwifery students, MPHWS (F) students and vocational students, all of them alleged that the said Director Mr A.Srinivasa Rao is in the habit of committing atrocities on them by way of sexual abuse, teasing and threatening and also other allegations ie., very congested accommodation for all 3 courses, insufficient hostel facilities ie., only 3 combined bathrooms and lavatories functioning for all the students, un-hygienic atmosphere, very poor sanitation, insufficient and improper diet and self cooking as there is no official cook. No watchman, attenders and no sweeper, non-availability of phone facilities, no facilities for sick students, no health care being taken, no dining hall is available, only 4 class rooms for entire students, no qualified and sufficient faculty members and extracting huge amounts from students in the name of exams fee, hostel fee, tuition fee, deduction from scholarships and if not obliged threatening by way of non issue of certificates. All the students have given their monotonous displeasure and non-continuation of studies further and requisition for the safe relevant ground their studies by changing the management or shifting to other Institutions.
9. The Director of Medical Education has further reported that as per Lr.Rc.No.482/RHS.D/2008, dt.10-12-2008, the Commissioner of Family Welfare, Hyderabad, has appointed Dr. K.N.Pitchireddy Regional Director Medical and Health Services, Hyderabad as Enquiry Officer and conducted enquiry on 6-1-2009.

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10. Further the Director of Medical Education has also reported that Addittional District Medical and Health Officer, East Godavari District has opined that there are critical issues relating to not only the students but also the Management and recommended to shift the students to other recognized institution for further continuing studies and awarding appropriate Punishment to the culprit Mr.A.Srinivasa Rao, Director, Konaseema School of Nursing, Amalapuram and expeditious cancellation of recognition of the institute. In view of above position, the Director of Medical Education has requested the Government to take necessary further action in the matter against the Konaseema School of Nursing, Amalapuram and issue appropriate orders at the earliest.

11. Government after careful examination of the matter, has arrived at the preliminary finding that the management has failed to follow the conditions stipulated in G.O.Ms.No.650, HM&FW (K2) Dept., dt.7-11-2003 read with G.O.Ms.No.313, HM&FW (K2) Dept., dt.16-8-1997 wherein the permission was accorded to the Konaseema School of Nursing, Amalapuram, East Godavari District and have therefore direct the Management of Konaseema School of Nursing, Amalapuram, East Godavari District to show cause as to why the permission accorded to the Management of Konaseema School of Nursing, Amalapuram, East Godavari District should not be cancelled and students of the said School of Nursing shall be shifted to other institutions in view of the deficiencies pointed and allegations proved by the reports of enquiry committees.

12. If no reply is received with in 15 days of time from the date of receipt of this notice, it will be construed that the Management has no reply / explanation to offer and further action will be taken as per rules in force.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

J.SATYANARAYANA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Correspondent,
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Amalapuram, East Godavari Dist.
(through Director of Medical Education, A.P.,Hyderabad)
The Director of Medical Education, A.P., Hyderabad
The Chairman, High Power Committee, A.P.,Hyderabad.
The Registrar, A.P.Nurses Midwives Council, Hyderabad
Copy to
The Secretary, Indian Nursing Council,
Combined councils building, Kotla Road,
Tempale Lane, New Delhi-110 002.

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SECTION OFFICER